

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown below, in which deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough and/or double brackets, and added terms are indicated with underscoring.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 15, which starts with "Recently, several land mobile.....", with the following amended paragraph:

Recently, several land mobile-satellite communication systems have been ~~planned~~ planned in which portable telephone terminals can communicate with each other through communication satellite stations mounted on each of a plurality of low earth satellites. In such land mobile-satellite communication systems, if both calling and called portable telephone terminals locate in the same service area provided by one communication satellite station, a communication link or speech path between both the calling and the called telephone terminals can be formed through the communication satellite station.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1, which starts with "The repeated position signal", with the following amended paragraph:

The repeated position signal transmitted from the mobile repeater station M will be received by the communication satellite station mounted on the low earth communication satellite Si ~~locating~~ located above the mobile repeater station M. In the satellite communication station, the CPU 41 will receive the repeated position signal through the antenna 47, the beam forming part 46, the signal distributor 45, the transceiver 44a, the base band processor 43 and the bus 42. The CPU 41 makes a registered repeated position signal by adding a current time to the received repeated position signal and stores it in the data file.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 4, which starts with "The repeated calling signal transmitted from", with the following amended paragraph:

The repeated calling signal transmitted from the mobile repeater station M will be received by a low earth communication satellite located above the mobile repeater station. In the communication satellite station, the received repeated calling signal will be transferred from the antenna 47 to the CPU 41 through the beam forming part 46, the signal distributor 45, the transceiver 44a, the base band processor 43 and the bus 42. The CPU 41 tries to detect if the registered repeated position signal has been stored in the data file including the same identification code as that of the called portable communication terminal included in the received repeated calling signal.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 4, which starts with "In this case, the CPU 41", with the following amended paragraph:

In this case, the CPU 41 selects one registered repeated position signal of the highest priority (of the highest communication quality) and transmits the calling signal to the mobile repeater station having the identification code included in the selected registered repeated position signal. Thus a call for the called portable communication terminal will be made through the selected mobile repeater station thereby providing highest quality communication between the portable communication terminals.